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ABSTRACT

The Federal Government reports that one-third of the nation's public schools are environmentally unsafe in ways that cause health problems to teachers and students and detract from educational quality. Environmentally induced diseases jeopardize those who already have health problems and deteriorates student learning ability. This book addresses a vast number of school environmental health hazards and ways of eliminating them. Part I provides guidance on determining if a child has environmental illness and its cause. Part II addresses the ways of correcting a sick school based on what type of environmental problems exist. Part III describes how some schools have addressed their building environmental problems. Part IV discusses helpful, simple, as well as sophisticated, tests and treatments for special indoor health problems. Parts IV and V address legal and insurance options and explore the possibility of chronic illness along with some tips for parents, teachers, and school administrators. Appendices list the chemicals frequently found in schools and homes, their sources, health effects and precautions; and additional resources. (GR)

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